

Amendment and Response

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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following amended paragraph.

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/032,049, filed December 21, 2001, and issued as U.S. Patent 6,730,592 dated May 4, 2004, ~~(pending)~~, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.